



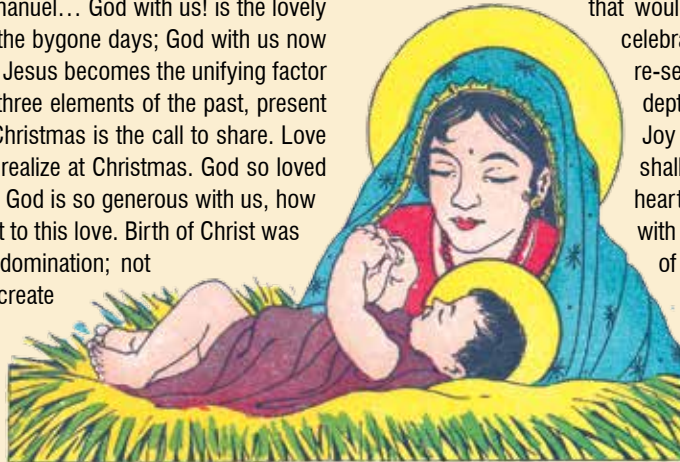
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An eventful year of 2014 is just bidding adieu and a year of hopes and aspirations - 2015 - is just at our door steps. The feast of Christmas celebrated at the close of a memorable year ushering us into a new and exciting year is already significant. Emmanuel... God with us! is the lovely message of Christmas. God with us in the bygone days; God with us now and God with us in the days to come... Jesus becomes the unifying factor of the history which consist of all the three elements of the past, present and future. The strongest message of Christmas is the call to share. Love knows no boundaries. This is what we realize at Christmas. God so loved the world that He sent His only son... if God is so generous with us, how could we remain so mute and indifferent to this love. Birth of Christ was not to wage wars among the nations for domination; not to resort to violence and hate; not to create division among people and nations but to instill in the heart of every person that it is love that can make the difference in the life of every one and nothing else.



We live in a world of contradictions, confusions and dissensions. We have become indifferent and insensitive to real human problems and try to insulate ourselves with our comfort zones and distance from anything that would disturb our complaisant attitude. The celebration of Christmas calls for a genuine re-search into us. We need to re-capture the depth and meaning of God becoming Man. Joy to the world... Christ has come... We shall treasure this joy within us and make our hearts a suitable place, a crib for Jesus to stay with us. We shall be carrying this messenger of love and become His ambassadors in words, thoughts and deeds.

Team of Fransalian International likes to wish each of you a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a grace filled NEW YEAR 2015.

Saint Francis de Sales A Saint So Human Insight 23 Friendship – 1



We love one another. God commands us to love one another. We love all the human beings. We love the whole creation. Although we love all the humans, all humans are not our friends. God does not ask us to make friendship with all humans. Instead he wants us to love all humans. Friendship is a deeper form of love than mere love itself. There are three requirements for friendship. Saint Francis de Sales expresses them as follows:

1. We cannot love without being loved. In this case there is love but not friendship in so far as friendship is a mutual love. If it is not mutual, it is not friendship.
2. It is not enough that it is mutual but the persons who love each other ought to know their reciprocal affection because, if they do not know it, they will have love but not friendship.
3. Together with it, there must be some kind of communication between them which is the basis of friendship.

Saint Francis de Sales narrates one of his experiences where there was love but no mutual communication. There was a gentle man who used to look at St. Francis de Sales very affectionately with love in his eyes. One

day it happened that they came to meet face to face in a narrow street. Saint Francis de Sales took the initiative and asked him: "Why is it that you look at me so affectionately but avoid occasions of talking to me?" The gentle man replied: "Monsignor, indeed I love you very much. But I avoid communicating with you because then I may find some imperfections in you and so I may love you less."

Genuine friendship is always based on communication. Saint Francis de sales comments on communication:

The communications are different depending on the difference of the good things we communicate to each other. If these are false and vain goods, friendship is false and vain. If they are genuine, friendship is genuine. The more excellent the good things communicated the more excellent will be the friendship. Just as the honey is of the best quality, if taken from the most exquisite flowers, so too love based on a most exquisite communication is the most excellent (Introduction Pt. 3, chapter 17)

Saint Francis de Sale's thought invites us to renew our relationship with friends and to reflect on whether the conditions are there and on the quality of our friendships.

- Fr Antony Mookenthottam, msfs.

The death dance of Cyclone HudHud... Vizag Stood Still

On 12th October witnessed one of the worst tragedies of the recent times leaving Vizag desolate and obsolete. Once known for the natural beauty and charm, Vizag is left bleeding, forlorn and orphaned. The dreams and aspirations of the people were shattered and lay in ruins. The fury of Hudhud like an invincible demon tread over

the fortunes and properties of the coastal people especially of Vizagites sowing venom and leaving them inconsolable, helpless and hopeless.

Kailasagiri, the most attractive tourist centre, Rishikonda, the pleasure giving swimming resort, Ramakrishna Beach, best known for leisure and charm, sensual and elegant has

lost its gleam, sheen and splendorous look. The beautiful and wide roads, byways and by lanes of vizag City, look like a place shattered and deserted after a battle. The debris and branches of trees are thrown around the streets causing untold miseries to the people on account of traffic congestion and blocks. The Harbour, the



Shipyards, HPCL, Hindustan Zinc, Smelter, BHPV, Navy, Steel Plant, Refinery, Airport, Railway Station and Andhra University were affected very badly and requires crores of rupees to bring in normalcy and keep going. Destruction of great magnitude and havoc is sown everywhere by the killer Hudhud.

Complete vegetation is wiped out from Vizag, a city known for its green look. The plantations of paddy, Sugarcanes, Mango groves, Palm



trees, coconut trees, plantain gardens, vegetable plantations all lay waste and gone with the Hurricane. It is indescribable, inconsolable, incongruous and incomprehensible for the farmers whose dreams lay shattered and spoilt. Misery, cries of helplessness and pall of gloom envelops the entire coastal districts of Visakhapatnam, Srikakulam and Vizianagaram. MSFS in Vizag are terribly and severely affected of the Cyclone fury. The winds accompanied



by torrential rains continued for 24 hours slashed the structures and hit hard the sheds with lightweight roofings. All the MSFS establishments like ITI Autonagar, SFS School Gajuwaka, Ross Hill Shrine, Old workshop in 1 Town, St. Aloysius Anglo Indian School, SFS School Seethammadhara, Salesianum Novitiate and Stella Maris were affected badly and faced the brunt of lethal onslaught of Hudhud.

Fr P.J.Mathew,msfs.

PROPHETIC WITNESS OF THE MSFS IN NORTH CENTRAL INDIA AND MOZAMBIQUE (Nagpur Province)



The Provincial Chapter 2014 was held on 20th to 25th October 2014 in MSFS Provincialate, Nagpur with the theme, "Prophetic witness of the MSFS in the North Central India and Mozambique". The theme of the chapter reflected the spirit of General Chapter 2013 and the instructions of Pope Francis on renewal of religious life with prophetic courage and commitment. There were thirty three delegates from various apostolic communities who participated in the Chapter with voting rights and two scholastic representatives without right

to vote. The first day began with a recollection leading to a spirit of introspection and renewal preached by Fr Emmanuel Uppamthadathil, MSFS who also delivered the key note address on the following day. The presence of Assistant General Fr Thumma Mariadass, Fr Dharmaraj, the Provincial of South East Province and Fr Vincent Lourdsamy, the Provincial of Pune Province added to the fraternal communion of the entire congregation for the event. At the Inaugural ceremony the messages of the Superior General, Assistant Superior General and All provincials were read out.

Every apostolate found its place of mention in the form of discussions, deliberations and interventions at every session; moderators who animated the gathering and the proceedings during the chapter had enormous task of maintaining the decorum and meeting the objectives. There was give-and-take in all the presentations during the chapter. The provincial in his report made

an assessment of the implementation of action plan of the provincial congress 2011 and General chapter 2013. He critically evaluated the resource sharing by Institutions. The Provincial councillors in charge of various apostolates presented their reports, the delegates of Mozambique and GAH too presented reports with timely interventions and intervals. There were well-prepared reports from the representative of scholastics from Suvidya College, Bangalore and Fransalian Seminary, Pune, Shillong and Ranchi. Reports from the Preaching team and Tarang Team gave awareness into the multi-dimensional dynamism of the province. There were reflective questions poised to raise a concern, timely clarifications and well-coined assessments made at the end of each of the presentation of reports. As a whole, the reports of various groups raised a platform for introspection, self-critique and to express missionary enthusiasm.

Fr Jacob Karamakuzhy, msfs.

7th ORDINARY PROVINCIAL CONGRESS OF EAST AFRICA PROVINCE – 2014



The Seventh Ordinary Provincial Congress of the Province of East Africa was held from September 22 to 26, 2014 at Fransalian House, Morogoro, Tanzania. The theme of the Congress was: **MSFSness in being and doing at the service of the Mission of Christ in Africa.** The celebration

of the Provincial Congress was our Magnificat to the Lord.

Our beloved Superior General **Rev. Fr Abraham Vettuvellil MSFS** was accompanying us with his inspiring and challenging messages to examine realistically the quality of our MSFSness.

Rev. Fr Agnelo Fernandes MSFS the General Councillor in-charge of the Missions was the Delegate of the Superior General as well as the animator for the Provincial Congress. His recollection talk, messages, input sessions, timely interventions and sharing of rich experiences, helped us to sink into the real spirit of collective discernment.

It was really a great time of grace, enabling us to appraise the past, to amend the present and

to assert the future, living the MSFSness in its fullness, as we approach the fourth decade of our presence in the continent of Africa. We have resolved to make every effort to ensure the quality of our very being to live MSFSness in our being and to radiate MSFSness in our ministry.

His Lordship Most Rev. Teleshore Mkude the Bishop of Morogoro Diocese officiated the concluding Eucharistic celebration. Representing the local church he thanked the Fransalians for our missionary presence and contributions. He urged to continue to serve the people of God with greater sense of attachment to the Lord and commitment to the mission.

Fr S David, msfs

THE PROVINCIAL CONGRESS, PUNE PROVINCE- 2014



theme of the Congress was, "PUNE FRANSALIANS: CONSECRATED TO BE MYSTICAL PROPHETS IN OUR MISSION". The Congress proved to be a time of coming together of the members of the Province as brothers of a same family who actively participated in all the proceedings of the Congress joyfully and enthusiastically, addressing the concerns of our Province, looking ahead to take the province to greater heights. It was a Spirit guided event. Throughout the Congress we felt the mighty hand of God guiding us from the forefront.

The 7th Provincial Congress of the Pune Province was held from the 30th Sep – 4th of Oct. 2014 in Fransalian Seminary Pune. The

The Congress began with the inaugural function. Fr George Parampukattil, msfs, the Delegate of the Superior General and the General Councilor in-charge of education, hoisted the flag and declared the Congress opened. The inaugural day, being the Founder's day, special respect was paid to the Founder by garlanding the statue of Fr Mermier. The inaugural mass was integrated with the Founder's day liturgy. Thus the confreres felt it highly meaningful to begin the Congress on the Founder's day. The Congress was put on right track through the meaningful recollection talk and the keynote address given by Fr Thomas Kalariparampil, msfs.

Fr Vincent Lourduswamy, msfs

SILVER JUBILEE BELLS AT VINAYA BHAVAN, THAMARASSERY



Panthanmackel. The day began with a solemn Eucharistic celebration presided over by His Excellency Most Rev. Remigiose Inchananiyil, the Bishop of Thamarassery. The presence of msfs confreres, Priests and Religious from the Diocese of Thamarassery, neighbours, alumni and well-wishers added more colour to the occasion. A short cultural program prepared by our candidates marked with colourful dances entertained the guests. A beautiful power-point presentation was screened showcasing the history of Vinaya Bhavan. Bishop, Superior General and his curia, Provincial and his curia, past Rectors and staff members were felicitated acknowledging their services. The program was concluded with the sumptuous Jubilee dinner.

We wish to place on record our sincere thanks to all our benefactors, well-wishers and all our confreres who helped us to organise the Silver Jubilee celebration.

Fr Joseph B, msfs

Philothea in Surberg

A multi-purpose room with the name "Philothea" was blessed and inaugurated in the parish of St. George in Surberg near to the town of Traunstein in the Bavarian diocese of Munich-Freising, where Fr. Joy Velicakathu (Vijoy) serves as Parish Priest and Assistant Dean of the Area since five years. The room "Philothea" is to serve the Surberg community as place for prayer, children's mass, and Bible study and also as centre for occasional philosophical and theological gatherings.

The room is named after the orthodox saint Philothea (*1522 - +1589, Memory on 19th February) who is the patron of the city of Athens. St. Philothea is also honoured as the patron saint for Freedom of the Greeks and the intercessor for the persecuted and neglected Christians, especially women.

The name Philothea (friendliness or friend of God) has been chosen for the multi-purpose room in Surberg also to honour St. Francis de Sales our Patron and his famous "Introduction to the Devout Life". After the week-day masses (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays) in the "Begegnungsraum Philothea", a chapter each from St. Francis de Sales' Philothea will be read in common as text for daily meditation and inspiration. Fr. Vijoy is very grateful to the parish community at Surberg for this valuable contribution to the Fransalian presence in his parish.

Fr Vijoy, msfs.

The Installation of Fr. Jijo, as the assistant Parish Priest, at Ponta de Ouro church



It was on Thursday evening, 23, October 2014, that Rev. Fr Sebastian, the Chaplain of 'Nossa

Senhora de Fátima' Church and the Superior of MSFS Community at Ponta de Ouro, received the message about the official installation of Rev. Fr Jijo Thomas as the Assistant Parish Priest of SFS Parish, Bela-Vista. 27th, October was the date fixed for the function.

It was after the homily that the Installation ceremony took place. It started with the reading of the canonical letter, known as 'Provisorio'. Thereafter, the Archbishop asked the faithful to join Fr. Jijo, but silently, as he professed the Catholic faith through the Nicene Credo. After the credo, the Archbishop asked Fr. Jijo to renew his

Ordination Promises; and then, he was sworn in as the assistant of Chaplain of Ponta do Ouro. After communion, the Acta of the ceremony was read by Rev. Fr. Rajesh. As a gesture of hospitality, support and gratitude two capulanas were given, one for the Archbishop and the other to Fr. Jijo. After the simple but nutritive lunch, the Archbishop thanked the fathers and the sisters for welcoming him and he encouraged them to hold on with the Mission of Christ at this zone of Ponta de Ouro. He also wished all the best to Fr. Jijo as he takes up this new Mission.

Bro Augusto Antonio msfs.

Fr. Raison Kaduvakuzhickal MSFS (1978-2014) - You will live in our Hearts! May God grant you Eternal Rest!



Fr Raison Kaduvakuzhickal was born on June 8, 1978 at Marangoly, Kerala. (Parents: Sebastian and Aleyamma, Parish: St. Mary's Church, Marangoly). He is the youngest among six children.

A young, dynamic and promising priest of just 36 years was called back "Home" on 28th October 2014.

In the middle of January, 2013 Fr. Raison had a stroke following which he was admitted in the hospital. After a series of scanning and the micro surgery conducted on his head, the doctors asserted brain tumour as the cause of the stroke. After the biopsy of the tumour in the brain, the doctors confirmed 3rd degree of cancer

in the affected area of the brain. Since then he underwent many sessions of chemotherapy and radiation for many months. He also underwent a special session of chemo-therapy which was the costliest and the best available in the country. The scanning and the check-up thereafter revealed that the tumour was spreading. Since the cancer was very aggressive and the treatment very intensive, Fr Raison had put on weight and suffered from the coordination of his vision and body balance. Then the doctors went for another cycle of treatment which was not for the cure but to contain the tumour. His health condition deteriorated steadily and the doctors advised to stop further treatment as his condition was not improving after all specialized treatment. During the last months of his sickness he was under palliative care under the advice of the expert committee of doctors. His systems started to fail and he suffered severely in the last few days and finally, on 28th October

at 12.30 p.m he breathed his last and went to his heavenly home.

Fr Raison will remain in our hearts as a person who is very friendly, willing to help anyone and for his cheerful availability to the mission of the Church and the Congregation. He made the community lively by his presence. He was very affable; he radiated the salesian hospitality and assimilated the salesian gentleness in his character. He was very sociable and was loved by the people who knew him. Through his life he brought joy and happiness in the lives of the people with whom he lived. Dear Fr Raison, as you leave us for your eternal reward, you will always live in our hearts with your cheerful smile and amiable nature! We miss you and we pray that the Good Lord may grant you eternal peace and joy by His side. May you rest in Peace!

Fr Joji,msfs.

When God saw that the journey was too long, the hill too steep, and breathing too difficult, He put his arm around You and said, "Come home !"



Mother Judith, OSU, (Mag. Joyce Charlotte Mietzfeld) October 1st, 1921 – October 20th, 2014

Home to Heaven. On October 20th the Lord released her from her suffering in quietness.

Mother Judith was born in the United States of America. As a young religious sister she took on a volunteer assignment in the Ursuline Province of Austria. Her attachment to Austria became so strong that she relinquished her citizenship to stay in Austria for good. In 1971, when she was the provincial leader, she was elected General

Prioress of the Ursulines of the Roman Union of the Order of St. Ursulein the General Chapter, and held this position until 1983. Then she returned to Austria as provincial leader. She carried out this task with great commitment. Also, she relocated the provincialate to Leoben.

Mother Judith had a strong personality, who fulfilled her duties with dedication and faithfulness, and whose devotion to Jesus was prevalent.

The MSFS association with the Ursuleins (Mother Judith, OSU) began with Fr Thomas Cherukatt,msfs. Till date we have kept up a strong bond of collaboration with them. We do convey our heartfelt condolence to Sr.Maria Elisabeth Goettlicher, OSU (Prioress) and to her near and dear ones. We shall promise them our continued prayers. May her soul rest in peace (R.I.P)

Fr Jolly, msfs.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF SERVICE...



SFS Technical School, Imphal, celebrated the silver jubilee of its establishment on Oct 18, 2014 with the theme, "Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly."

Drawing inspiration from the teachings of Christ and emulating the footsteps of St Francis de Sales, the theme well underscored the thrust behind 25 years of MSFS' service in the archdiocese of Imphal through a technical school. The celebration began with the Holy Eucharist presided over by Most Rev. Dominic Lumon DD, the archbishop of Imphal and concelebrated by Most Rev. Joseph



Mittathany, the archbishop emeritus of Imphal, Rev. Fr George Panthanmackel the Provincial of Northeast India Province and Rev. Fr George Parampukattil, the General Councillor and 53 fathers from far and near.

After the Holy Eucharist, a short felicitation programme was staged to mark the importance of the occasion. Addressing the people gathered, Fr. Panthanmackel thanked the diocesan authority for entrusting the ministry with the MSFS and accompanying the congregation through constant support. He appreciated his predecessors in office

and confreres who rendered tireless service through the years at the technical school. "After the noble example of St. Francis de Sales, the patron saint of journalists, MSFS in Northeast India is committed to spreading the good news through the print medium and the institute is a visible manifestation of that endeavour," he said enunciating how SFS became the patron of journalists and exhorting those present to commit themselves to the mission through innovative ways.

Bishops Mittathany and Lumon appreciated the service of all the fathers, who worked at the institute, and congratulated them for their commitment. They unanimously affirmed the significant role played by the technical school during the past 25 years in the field of evangelization through print media in Manipur and Nagaland.

Congratulations to Fr Tomy Anakallil,msfs, the director of the institute, for organizing the event meaningfully through meticulous planning and implementation.

Fr Shaju Ambiyil

“Lord... let me see again”

Fransalian Agency for Social Care and Education (FAsCE India), the social work organ of Northeast India province, organised a free medical camp for the slum dwellers at SFS School, Narengi, Guwahati on Oct 12, 2014. The camp was conducted in collaboration with 132 Station Health Organisation, Narengi Cantt and Health Services, Kamrup (Metro), Guwahati, Assam.

Around 200 people benefited of the camp, which was yet another health promotional initiative by FAsCE India in reaching out to the people in time of need. Aimed at a total of 260 families living in four slums around Narengi, Guwahati, the camp was conducted mainly to curb various contagious illnesses at the wake of the recent flood. Many of the people in the area were affected by malaria, jaundice, typhoid, etc. Children were vaccinated for typhoid.

“Sensing the pulse of the time and need of the people around, we have organised this camp to

be at your service in the best manner possible. It is our wish that you gain maximum benefit out of this,” said Fr (Dr) Emmanuel Mappilaparambil, the director, FAsCE India, addressing the people and introducing the day.

The camp that ran through the day witnessed a heavy inflow of people from surrounding areas only to be controlled by stopping registration half way through. FAsCE India intends to organise another camp in the near future to serve those who couldn't be accommodated this time.

Rev. Fr Agnelo Fernandes, general councillor of Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales (MSFS) and the chief guest of the day, applauded the efforts of FAsCE India in alleviating the sufferings of people around. “Social intervention among the people of our neighbourhood is the need of the hour and FAsCE India reveals itself as a beacon of hope for the people around and a model for other agencies to imbibe the spirit from by venturing into activities



such as these,” he said.

There were two doctors and six nurses, apart from five volunteers from TISS, Guwahati and 20 members from FAsCE India's Self Help Groups (SHGs) around the area to assist in the event.

It was the first of a series of three camps that the organization intends to conduct in different parts of Narengi, Guwahati.

Fr Vintu Avittappallil, msfs

Radio Horeb with Fr.Vijoy in Surberg



Radio Horeb, the leading Catholic Radio Station of Germany, transmitted live holy Mass “You are my life”, from Pater Joy and Mr. Stefan Starzer on Sunday, 14th September 2014 at 10.00 AM from the Church at Surberg n Bavarian part of Germany, where Pater Joy serves as the Parish Priest and assistant dean of the area. “You are my life” is the title of the CD containing hymns for the Holy Mass in German and is co-written, composed and sung by Pater Joy in collaboration with a local choir called “Sumsi”. The CD was released on the occasion of the Jubilee celebration of the MSFS in Surberg and also as Pater joy's personal and grateful contribution on the occasion of his Sacerdotal silver Jubilee. The said radio broadcast can be listened to also in Internet under www.horeb.org and some of the songs sung by Pater Joy can be heard at the website of the Starzers and the blog under www.starzerei.de and www.kunjumuthu.com. Congrats....

Banji Kandore - MSFS attempt to go back to its roots



A new mission centre in Banji Kandore, in the Diocese of Dumka, Jharkhand is one of the most backward, underdeveloped and poor state in India. The ministry of Panchayati Raj has named Sahibganj as one of the country's 250 most backward districts. The distance between



Dumka and Sahibganj is 115 km. There is no public road transport system in the area but there are small vehicles plying short distances by private individuals. This mission station is nearly 24km away from the Sahibganj. The Parish Priest of Sahibganj extended his mission work

to the nearby villages of Santals who welcomed him and accepted the faith. The regular visit of the priest, gave birth to a new mission centre in Banji Kandore. Being moved by the good response of the Santals, in 2008, the Bishop of Dumka declared Banji Kandore to be a separate Mission Centre with a resident priest. After 4 years of work by diocesan priest, the mission is handed over to us MSFS for better development and effective evangelisation works in 2013. Banji Kandore MSFS mission comprises of 84 villages in 6 sub-centres with 4,000 practicing Christians and with many catechumens. The receptivity of faith is the specialty of the place. People moved by the love and care of the missionaries want to liberate themselves from the influence of belief in superstitions and evil spirit, etc.



Foundation for the Novitiate in Philippines

After strenuous efforts and with the collaboration of many, the dream for Philippines Delegation to have a Novitiate of its own is going to be realized soon. On 8th September 2014, Fr George Morales, a great friend of MSFS in Philippines, officiated the ground-breaking ceremony for the new Novitiate in the presence of MSFS confreres, friends and well-wishers.

Fr Ginu Pathiyakam, msfs.

Water the Source of Life: Drinking Water Project in Bero, Chad



Parish St Josephine Bakhita of Bero is entrusted to MSFS since 2002. This Parish is divided into four sectors. Each Sector contains 7 to 10 villages and all together there are 35 villages under the Parish. There are some 15,000 people and 6,000 are Catholics. Since 12 years, Missionaries of St Francis de Sales are rendering our pastoral services in this Parish. One of the existential problems of Chad is the lack of proper drinking water. Being a sub-Saharan country, it receives very little rain falls even during the three months of monsoon (July, August and September). In the given situation, people collect water from open wells, rivers and stagnated rainy water. As a result many are victims of different water born sicknesses such as typhoid, jaundice, cholera etc. Every year around 30 children die due to one of these illnesses. For the past few years MSFS gave great importance for the drinking water projects in various Parishes of MSFS in Chad and Cameroun. We have been educating the people on the need of good water for their health. With the help of generous benefactors and friends from Germany and USA we have helped the villagers with bore-wells. In the past we had made 5 wells and another 4 more are in the process in Bero, Doba and Berem. We do gratefully acknowledge the generous contributions from everyone.

Fr Arackal Manoj, msfs

Indian Institute of Spirituality Celebrates Silver Jubilee



It had been Silver Days in the Annals of Indian Institute of Spirituality (IIS) from 16 October 2014 to 19 October 2014. IIS celebrated meaningfully its eventful existence since 25 years. All who came into the portals of IIS during these days of jubilee celebration experienced the joy of its effective existence.

16 & 17 October 2014: International Symposium on Trends in Contemporary Spirituality:



The Jubilee celebration began with an International Symposium on the topic: "Trends in Contemporary Spirituality." Various relevant topics in the field of Contemporary Spirituality and their impact in the lives of the people of the current society were discussed elaborately during the symposium.

18 October 2014: Alumni Gathering

The celebration of the Silver Jubilee obtained further beauty and color with the arrival of our former students for an Alumni gathering.

Conducted for the first time in the history of IIS, it was attended by more than 100 former students who belonged to the Diploma, MTh and Doctoral studies. The Alumni gathering began with the formal inaugural session for which **Rev. Fr Jose Kumbloickal, msfs, the Provincial, was the Chief Guest.** Rev. Fr Benny Koottanal, msfs, the Director, welcomed the alumni and appreciated their presence and contribution to the growth of the Institute.

19 October 2014: IIS Turns SILVER

The culmination of the Jubilee celebration took place on 19 October. At 4.20 pm, all the invited guests and the inmates of IIS gathered at the entrance of IIS to welcome the dignitaries of the day. Very Rev. Fr Abraham Vettuvellil, msfs, the Superior General, Very Rev. Fr Thumma Mariadas Reddy, msfs, the Assistant Superior General, Very Rev. Fr Jose Kumbloickal, msfs, the Provincial of South West India Province and Very Rev. Fr A. Dharmaraj, msfs, the Provincial of South East India Province were welcomed with bouquet and melodious welcome song. The jubilee celebration began with the Inauguration and blessing of the newly constructed Jubilee Memorial Adoration Chapel. The main minister

of the solemn Eucharistic celebration was very Rev. Fr Abraham Vettuvellil, which had more than 100 priests as concelebrants from Karnataka and Kerala. The melodious singing of the IIS choir was outstanding and exuberant. The public gathering began at 6.15 pm. The Superior General released the much-awaited Bible Diary, titled, Joy of the Gospel 2015 during the occasion. He highlighted the celebration fittingly with the releasing of the Silver Jubilee Souvenir. It was followed by a spectacular musical drama by the Students of IIS under the able leadership of Rev. Fr A. Jayaseelan, titled, "Voice of the Mission". The whole event was attended by more than 450 people, including Superior Generals, Provincials, Superiors and



Directors of various communities and institutes, benefactors and friends of IIS and a great number of Laity from different walks of life. The celebration came to an end with the agape meal.

Fr Benny G. Koottanal, msfs.

"Workers of the world... unite"

Migrant Labour Association day was held in Fransalian Seminary on 2nd November. On this

day, Diwali and Gandhi Jayanthi were celebrated. Fr Anil Chakranarayan S. J., the superior of Sneha

Sadan Institute Pune was the chief guest. The day began with solemn Eucharistic celebration. After

mass, we had a short cultural program organized by the scholastics of Fransalian Seminary. The chief guest spoke on the significance of Diwali and Gandhi jayanthi.

The scholastics made the evening colourful by their cultural program. There were about 60 migrant people who participated and benefited.

Finally, the day ended with fellowship meal. The scholastics had good exposure to relate with the migrant people. It was the day given for the scholastics to engage themselves in this social ministry. We thank Fr Lourduswamy, Fr Pradeep and scholastics for their meticulous planning in bringing migrant people together for the celebration of Diwali and Gandhi jayanthi.



Deacons of Pune Province

Pilgrimage to Châteaux des Allinges



Holy mass at 10.30 am. In the noon they share their experience and meal with each other. After the sharing of the meal, the pilgrims gather again to recite the Rosary, and then the preacher of the day gives a conference on Salesian spirituality which is followed by the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the sacrament of Reconciliation.

All throughout the year, the community of Allinges caters to the spiritual needs of the people. It is one of the biggest community in the Province consisting of 8 confreres and three are residing in the community and the other five are attached to it and who are holding the office either Parish Priests or Chaplain of the monastery. Each year, a number of tourists visit here especially during the summer and the people of Chablais has a special attachment to this chapel of SFS at the Chateaux.

Fr Payattukandathil Thomas, msfs

Friends of Missionaries meet at Ville la Grand (Juvénat)

Friends of Missionaries, it is a group of like minded people who are interested in the spirituality of St Francis de Sales and well wishers of Missionaries of St Francis de Sales. In the province of Franco-Swiss, there are five local communities and each community has its own Friends of Missionaries. Every meeting has two parts, the first part consists of a spiritual conference based on the Salesian literature and the second part is the life and the activities of the province.

On 25th October 2014, the friends of missionaries gathered in Juvénat at Ville-la-Grand and normally it takes place three times a year. Fr Yves Carron, the provincial welcomed the friends of missionaries and invited them to the chapel for the prayer. Fr. Hepuni John, the superior of Ville-la-Grand community led the prayer service. After the prayer, Fr. Yves Carron animated the spiritual conference on 'We must honour and invoke the saints' from Introduction to the Devout Life, Part

II, Chapter XVI. There was lively interaction and friendly exchange of ideas among the gathering. They were all happy and contented with the precise answer and the clarification of their doubts and questions. After having sufficiently nourished spiritually, the provincial explained the life and activities of the province since the last meeting. The meeting ended with verre de l'amitié.

Fr Antony Valiapampil, msfs

Return of "The Chablais experience"



St. Francis De Sales Parish, Liteta Zambia was officially erected into a parish on 5th October by His Grace Clement Mulenga Sdb, Bishop of

Kabwe. The official opening of the parish was done during the Holy Eucharist celebrated by Bishop Clement Mulenga Sdb, at the church plot at Liteta, and Fr Jude Thadeus msfs was appointed its first Parish Priest and Fr Amal Arockiaswamy msfs, and Fr Britto Michael Selvam msfs, as the assistants.

Before the independence Liteta was a catholic mission. After the independence, when the government introduced economic reforms, many of the schools and hospitals were taken over by

the government. Thus Liteta, which was once a centre of catholic mission, lost the presence of catholic religious with the sisters leaving the mission.

Liteta had been under the care of Kaparu mission for many years. Kaparu mission covered an area of 100 sqkm. It has been very difficult for the missionaries to cater to the pastoral needs of the people. In the year 2007 Kaparu mission was bifurcated and a new parish was created in Chibombo under the patronage of St. Paul of the

cross and entrusted to the care of the Passionist fathers. However both the parishes continued to remain large in size. On 22nd Aug 2013 at the invitation of the Bishop of Kabwe, 3 Fransalians from Pune Province entered Zambia to serve in Kabwe diocese.

At the request of the people and seeing the vastness of the mission, Bishop of Kabwe once again bifurcated the Kaparu mission and Chibombo Parish to create a new parish in Liteta. Six outstations from Kaparu mission and six outstations from Chibombo parish were put

together to create St. Francis de Sales Parish, Liteta. Liteta Parish, covers an area of 48 sqkm. The new Parish is entrusted to Missionaries of St Francis de Sales. The 3 Msfs missionaries who entered Zambia remained in three different parishes to learn the local culture, language and parish administration. On the 20th of June 2014 all the three came to live in Liteta as a community, in the one bed room house built by the people for the missionaries. Since then we have been preparing for the official inauguration of the parish. People with the help of the missionaries started building

a chapel on the plot. The preparation work took about 3 months and finally the chapel was blessed on this day.

Now with the creation of St Francis de Sales Parish, once again the catholic religious presence is back to Liteta. The bishop thanked the missionaries of St Francis de Sales for their partnership in this venture of bringing Jesus to the people of this area. We wish our young missionaries a new "Chablais experience".

Fr Jude, msfs

Common Logo for 'Desalites' released



This term was coined by Rev.Fr Anthony Swamy in 2007 and was used for the first graduating batch of students from SFS College, Electronic City, Bangalore. The term was coined mainly keeping the College Students in mind and no one else. The word was derived from the Patron's name "Francis

de Sales". In the Education forum of South West India Province (SWIP) in 2013 it was unanimously approved to be used for all the students who study in SFS group of institutions across SWIP. Therefore, DeSalite is a student of SFS group of institutions who has imbibed the qualities of Gentleness, Knowledge, Love, and Service. In the year 2014, March 27, a common logo was made by Fr Christopher Crasta and Fr Johnson to bring out a branded look to the popular word. Fr Sudeep Paul and Fr Aneesh Palathadathil gave a caption to the branded logo "Brilliance Inspired". St Francis de Sales used the quill with writing and spreading messages to the people in order to revive their faith. Hence Quill was chosen to represent the DeSalites. On the auspicious day of 8th



September 2014 the Logo for all DeSalites in the Province was released. DeSalite's ringtone was also released on 15th September 2013. We thank Fr Anthony Swamy, Fr Johnson, Fr Sudeep Paul and Fr Aneesh Palathadathil for their contributions.

Fr Crasta Herold Christopher, msfs

New Governance programme of MSFS



Effective administration is the hallmark of a vibrant Congregation. In the month of November 2014 the entire General Curia and Provincial administration came together to review and evaluate the various administrative nuances envisaged by the General curia for the effective management of the Provinces. There were 48 participants consisting of the General Curia, Provincial Administration, MSAF and LCI representatives. The participants were accommodated in Vinayalaya, SW India Provincial House. Each General Councillor presented his report on particular Forum headed by him. The Provincials were given the time slot to table their report. The culmination of the meeting was the address by very Rev. Fr Abraham Vettuvellil, Superior General of the MSFS. Every new start requires a lot of patience and perseverance. Father General exhorts everyone to put in the maximum to bring about creative changes in the life of the Congregation.

Fr Jolly, msfs

Hearty Congratulations

Fr.Thomas Thekkekarottu has successfully defended his Licentiate Thesis titles: "The Universal Dimension of the Redemption of the Christ and the Mission of the Church in the Writings of GERALD O'Collins", on July 29th 2014. He is continuing with his Doctoral studies in the Theology faculty in Burgos, Spain. Recently he has been appointed as the Parish Priest of Palacios de Benaver and also serves as chaplain to the Benedictine Sisters.



5th October 2014 at Argosy University, Schaumburg U.S.A.

Fr Tom Pannalakunnel, msfs has successfully defended his doctoral dissertation titled: "Changes in substance craving and other psychological components after treatment in a religious based programme" on



Rev. Fr Thumma Mariadas Reddy, msfs
Silver Jubilarian